WASHINGTON- Congressman Spencer Bachus (R-Vestavia Hills) today
announced that two local fire departments have been awarded funding
through the Assistance to Firefighter Grants program.

The departments and specific amounts received are as follows:

- Pell City Fire Rescue Service: Operations and Firefighter Safety \$93,589

- West Shelby Fire and Rescue District: Operations and Firefighter Safety

\$24,244

"By guarding the health and safety of its dedicated firefighters, both departments will be better able to serve their communities," said Congressman Bachus. "There is great competition for these fire grants and I congratulate Pell City and West Shelby for submitting such strong proposals."

The primary goal of the Assistance for Firefighters Grant program is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services organizations. Only the applications most closely conforming to program priorities are reviewed and scored by peer review panels.

The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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